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# Brass Smith and Our Environment

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## Guarding Our Environment

The “Green Movement” is sweeping across the country and Brass Smith embraced this important movement. Starting at the employee level and extending out to all of our products and throughout our assembly plant we are embracing a new sustainability.

Brass Smith began the transformation to a “Green” building within the walls of our main office. **Each employee is surrounded by recycled wall panels and each is committed to recycling all paper.** We also properly dispose of all ink & toner cartridges. Beginning in 2008, all printed materials will be printed on recycled paper.

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Moving to our plant we have concentrated our efforts both in recycled products and with environmentally safe products.

- All locally supplied glass contains 30% by weight of recycled glass in the form of glass cullet. The glass composition is environmentally safe. Any unused glass is returned to the local manufacturer and recycled.
- Powder coating is an EPA recommended finishing method. All supplied powder coats are lead-free and when applied to our metals do not release any harmful volatile organic compounds into the atmosphere.

- Our stainless steel supplier uses 80%-90% stainless scrap in their melting practice. Our aluminum supplier uses 15%-50% scrap metal to produce their final products. Any unused metals, including aluminum, stainless steel and brass are separated out and recycled.
- All packing materials can be reused, cardboard and wood. Used cardboard is separated out and recycled. When possible, cardboard is used in place of wood. Large counters are packed using blankets eliminating the need for any disposable packing materials.
- Our new Contoura Counter System is designed to eliminate the need for welding in the construction process, resulting in zero fumes to effect the environment. Built out of frames, fewer materials are therefore required.
- Sinks can be accommodated with infrared faucets to minimize water consumption.
- ZGuard food shields can be reused and recycled. Due to the modular design, the ZGuard System can be removed and reinstalled to fit any renovation

Brass Smith is only at the beginning, as we will continue to do our part and minimize OUR footprint to make a better, eco-friendlier environment. If you have questions or concerns about any of our products please call our customer service department at 1-800-662-9595.

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